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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Hot Runner Nozzle with a Tip, a Tip Surrounding Piece and an Alignment Piece**
Inventors: BABIN *et al.*
Our Ref: 2107.1900001/TUM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO/SB/08a (10 sheets);
3. Copies of cited documents: BA1-BL1; BA2-BM2; CA1-CE1; BA3-BM3; CA2-CE2; BA4-BI4; CA3-CE3; and CA4-CD4; and
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Dear Susan:

We are pleased to report that we have filed an Information Disclosure Statement with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Copies of these documents (exclusive of those that are already in your possession) are enclosed for your records.

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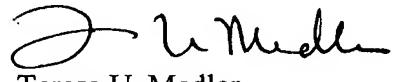
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We will keep you informed of all further developments in this case. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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